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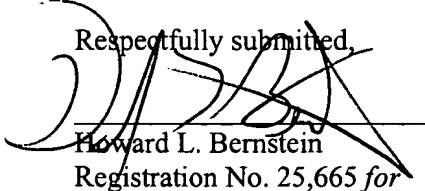
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. World Patent No. 97/12486, published April 3, 1997.
2. World Patent No. 98/48566, published October 29, 1998.

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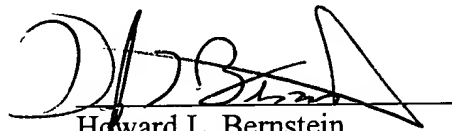
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a European Search Report dated April 25, 2003 citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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